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FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM USMISSION USUN NEW YORK, ACTION SECSTATE WASHDC, INFO TOKYO, USMISSION GENEVA, MARCH 16, 1973 REPEATED TO YOU:

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E. O. 11652: N/ A TAGS: EAID, UNDP

SUBJ: UNDP - VISIT OF MYER COHEN TO JAPAN

- 1. MINCOUN LUNCHED WITH RETIRING DEPUTY
  ADM. COHEN IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS RETURN FROM JAPAN.
  HE SPENT 3 DAYS AS GUEST OF GOJ IN CONSULTATIONS HIGH
  OFFICIALS IN FINANCE AND FOREIGN MINISTRIES.
- 2. COHEN SAYS THAT HE CONVINCED THAT UN GENERALLY AND UNDP IN PARTICULAR CANNOT DEAL OR COMMUNICATE ADEQUATELY WITH JAPANESE WHICH THROUGH PERMANENT OR RESPECTIVE GOVERNING BODIES. HE THEREFORE REVERSING EARLIER RECOMMENDATION AND URGING ADMINISTRATOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO MAINTAIN UNDP OFFICE AT TOKYO, PROBABLY WITH ANOTHER REPRESENTATIVE IN CHARGE.

- 3. BELIEVES JAPANESE INCREASINGLY COMMITTED TO DELIVERY HIGHER AID VOLUME AND ANXIOUS TO BE IN ON ACTION. HE THEREFORE OPTIMISTIC IN RESPECT OF CONTRIBUTIONS.
- 4. HOWEVER, BOTH UNIDO AND FAO PRESSURING GOJ
  TO MAKE DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THEIR PROGRAMS AS
  OPPOSED TO UNDP. BELIEVE THIS BIG FACTOR IN FAO
  DIRGEN BOERMA PUSH TO CONVENE 1974 GOVERNING COUNCIL
  AT TOKYO. COHEN HOPES THAT USG WILL BACK UNDP RESISTANCE
  THIS ATTEMPTED SCATTERATION OF FUNDS.
- 5. JAPANESE BITTER OVER VITUAL NON- REPRESENTATION IN DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIATS. COHEN EMPHASIZED LIMITATION IMPOSED ON GOP BY LANGUAGE BARRIER AND SUGGESTED THEY LOOK AT USSR INSTITUTE FOR INTENSIVE STUDY ENGLISH LANGUAGE, AND PAYOUT IN INCREASED PLACEMENTS.
- 6. FYI: UNDP PERSONNEL DIRECTOR ALSO VISITED JAPAN AND INTEVIEWED 15 PEOPLE FOR POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT AS RES REPS AND/ OR EXPERTS. END FYI
- 7. HE OPINES THAT JAPANESE STILL HOPEFUL UN WILL BE INVOLVED IN POST WAR SEA RESTORATION AND WILL E FORTHCOMING FINANCIALLY.

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